Remarks

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group 2: Claims 17-13, and hereby cancel claims 1-16 and 31-86, without prejudice. When we filed this divisional patent application in July 2003, we cancelled claims 1-16 and 31-86 by way of the transmittal form, which was a common practice at that time. This response to the restriction requirement reiterates the cancellation of the non-pursued claims.

Applicants believe that the application is in a condition for allowance. If Applicants may assist in expediting examination of the instant application in any way, Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

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